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AWARD: The winners of the 2012 Citizen of Southend Awards have been announced by the Mayor of Southend, Councillor Sally Carr, and Emily Allum and Lauren Cottis from St Hildas.

CLASSMATES RECEIVE GOLD CITIZEN AWARD

By Paul Giles

THE WINNERS of the 2012 Citizen of Southend Awards were announced last week.

The scheme, which is in its sixth year, is designed to celebrate outstanding contributions to the community by an individual or group.

The awards were open to any group or individual - aged eight to 80. The only rule is that they must live in the borough.

From the many nominations, the winners were selected by a panel of dignitaries.

The Gold Award winners are Year 11 pupils at St Hilda's School. The 16 girls from the Imperial Avenue based independent school received multiple nominations for the way over the last five years they have cared for and

included fellow pupil Laurel Parker, who has a degenerative neurological condition and Asperger's syndrome.

Special educational needs co-ordinator, Susan Todd, said from the moment they joined they have all made an enormous effort to ensure that Laurel felt part of the class, despite the fact she is less physically able than they are.

She said: "Over the five years they have all been together as a class, and as Laurel has deteriorated both mentally and physically, they have continued to include her and to assist with her care."

"They have all shown an insight and an understanding that is far beyond their years. All this has been done without the need for their teachers to remind them of Laurel's needs."

"They are a truly inspirational group of young women who deserve to be recognised for their care and sensitivity."

One of those nominating her classmates was Laurel herself, who said: "The girls in my class have always been really friendly. They have always treated me just the same as they would treat anyone else. They have never drawn attention to my wheelchair or my need for gastrostomy feeds. I have been included in all activities and I know I am their friend."

The Silver Award winner is Colin Sedgwick, who has been recognised for 55 years of voluntary service running the Southend branch of the RNLI. Colin has been its lifeboat operations manager for 25 years and lives in Woodgrange Drive.

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Competition

WIN! Show tickets to see stars join The Rat Pack at Towngate Theatre

'UP on the Roof' star Kenny Lynch and former 'Eastender', Des Coleman, will join the Rat Pack at The Towngate Theatre during a show to remember and we have 20 pairs of tickets to give away.

On Sunday, October 21, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jnr will be entertaining audiences at 2pm and 7.30pm during special concerts full of music, laughter and sophisticated style.

David Alacey, the producer of 'The Rat Pack is Back' - Britain's longest running tribute to the original trio - will take to the stage as Frank Sinatra and will be joined by the legendary Kenny Lynch, who will be performing his many hits including 'Up On The Roof', 'Stand By Me' and 'I'll Stay By You'.

The star cast also features Des Coleman who played Lenny in Eastenders for four years and is now a

regular reporter for The One Show and This Morning, and Paul Drakely, a finalist in the prestigious 'BBC Musician of The Year' competition, who will take to the stage as Dean Martin.

The band of musical director, Don Hunt, who has served Bruce Forsyth for more than 30 years, and has worked with the likes of Anthony Newley, Bing Crosby and the real Sammy Davis Jnr, will also be there.

There has never been a better time to welcome back classic 'Vegas Style' entertainment to Basildon and this show will appeal to audiences of all ages.

Des said: "The people of Basildon are fantastic and never forget you. When we played the Towngate last year, people came back stage to remind me about the fun nights we had with the Eastenders guys at The Festival Leisure Park.



"The Towngate is one of the great homes of variety entertainment in Essex and it is therefore so appropriate that a tribute to the greatest entertainers in history will be returning this year."

With a fabulous cast, a great band and quality songs, style is certainly back with a bang in 'The Rat Pack Is Back'.

Tickets for the show, which accurately recreates the legendary performances of the pre-eminent entertainers of their time, cost £13 or £18 and are available by calling the Box Office on 01268 465465 or visiting www.towngateheatre.co.uk

To win one of 20 pairs of tickets to the show, as well as cast CDs, just answer the following question.

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**A: Emmerdale
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C: Eastenders**

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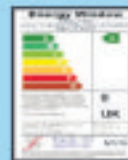
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Author delves into county's witch hunts

By Paul Giles

A BEST selling author is getting ready to release her second book focusing on the witch hunts in Essex.

Syd Moore, who has previously written *The Drowning Pool*, a tale based around the alleged sea witch Sarah Moore, is now hoping her new tale will be a success.

Speaking about the book called *Witch Hunt*, Syd explained she had been left shocked at how many women had been killed by the witchfinder general Matthew Hopkins.

The 42-year-old sites 503 women being killed within the county during the witch hunts.

This compares to 222 being tried as witches in other counties in the country over the same period.

She said: "The motivation for the story was the same as *The Drowning Pool*."

"I found out a lot of information about the witch trials when I was researching Sarah Moore."

"Being an Essex girl born and bred I was keen to find out why so many women were accused of being witches."

The writer believes part of the reason so many women were killed was because at the time a civil war was raging and men were away fighting.

She explained: "There was a mixture

of old women and young, some of the women had bastard children and were receiving money from the Parish. It may have been the case these women were bullied because they were taking money away from others around them and people didn't like the idea they were being supported."

The new story focuses on a journalist who has to write about witches and strange things start to happen to her once she becomes involved in her research.

Although the witch hunts are part of history through her research Syd has found it still goes on in certain parts of the world today.

She said: "Witch hunting is still going on in Kenya, but they are picking on older women with dementia over there."

"I still think it raises issues about bullying and we need to present the facts and say that it is wrong, especially now our cultures have become so integrated."

The social aspects the writer has explained also ring true in this country with the recent trial of Eric Bikubi and Magalie Bamu, both 28, who killed Kristy Bamu in their east London flat after violently abusing him for several days because they believed he was possessed by evil spirits.

The book will be available this month from all good bookshops and Amazon.



NEW BOOK: Syd Moore with her new book *Witch Hunt*.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

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Men wanted by police

POLICE are issuing the names of two more men wanted by officers under Operation Nemesis.

Aaron Wright, 20, last known to be living in Sherwood Way, Southend, is wanted on warrant for failing to appear at court in relation to a case where he is accused of resisting or obstructing a police constable.

Connor Diack, 19, last known to be living in Welch Close, Southend, is wanted for breaching a court order.

Anyone with information on their whereabouts is asked to contact police on 101 or e-mail opnemesis@essex.pnn.police.uk

Pedestrian receives facial injuries

A MAN has been left with face injuries after he was hit by a car in Honiton Road, Southend.

A car hit the man who was walking along the road during the early hours of last Friday at 12.35am.

The male pedestrian is aged 22 from the local area and received injuries to his face.

He was taken by ambulance to Southend General Hospital where he is receiving treatment.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Sergeant Mark Ammon at Laindon road policing unit on 101.

Quartet arrested over firearm possession

POLICE arrested four men last Friday, following reports of a man being seen in Seaway car park in Lucy Road, Southend, with a firearm which was pointed at several people.

The report was made to police at 4.05am. A short time later the men were arrested in a black Mercedes on the A127 in Rayleigh, and a gas powered hand gun was recovered.

The men, two aged 21, and two 20-year-olds, all from Grays, were arrested on suspicion of possession of a firearm and released on bail pending further enquiries until November 13.

Police continue to appeal for any witnesses to the incident to contact DC Richard Walker at the Southend serious crime team on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Passengers escape injury in aircraft crash

By Paul Giles

FIVE people escaped without injuries following a light aircraft crash at Southend Airport last Friday.

The East of England Ambulance Service were alerted to Southend Airport at 1.05pm.

The small plane had suffered a collapsed nose wheel when it came into land.

Two ambulances, an area manager and the Trusts hazardous area response team (HART) were dispatched to the incident.

Ambulance spokesman Gary Sanderson said the initial 999 call they received stated a plane had crashed on the runway.

He said: "Two adults and three children were assessed by ambulance staff and all five were uninjured and did not require hospital treatment."

A spokesperson from the airport said the runway was closed while the aircraft was recovered and the runway inspected.

The runway reopened at 2.30pm.

The spokesman explained: "During the clo-

sure one Aer Lingus flight to Dublin and one easyJet flight to Jersey were delayed and a private jet was diverted to an alternative airport."

Eight fire crews attended the airport and sprayed foam on the runway.

Assistant divisional officer Martyn Hodder, Southend Station Commander, said the occupants in the plane were fine.

He said: "It looks like the aircraft under carriage collapsed on landing."

"The fire brigade were called in as a precaution to support them if it was needed."

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Airport hotel takes off

By Paul Giles

THE NEW Holiday Inn at Southend Airport has opened its doors.

The £10million hotel, next to the Harp House roundabout, will provide passengers and airport staff, with high quality facilities.

The hotel is within walking distance of the airport and boasts 129 bedrooms.

In a first for Holiday Inn in the UK it has a fully sound proofed rooftop bar and restaurant, called the 1935 Rooftop Restaurant and Bar.

It refers to the year the airport opened to the general public.

The bar offers visitors a panoramic view of the airport and can seat 70 customers.

Holiday Inn managing director, Steve Brazil, wanted people in the borough to be proud of the hotel.

He said: "Our aim is to provide a great hotel that guests love, one that offers outstanding customer service and memorable experiences."

"We are delighted the Holiday Inn is now opening its doors so everyone can come and see it for themselves."

In order to accommodate all guests the hotel offers twin, double and family rooms.

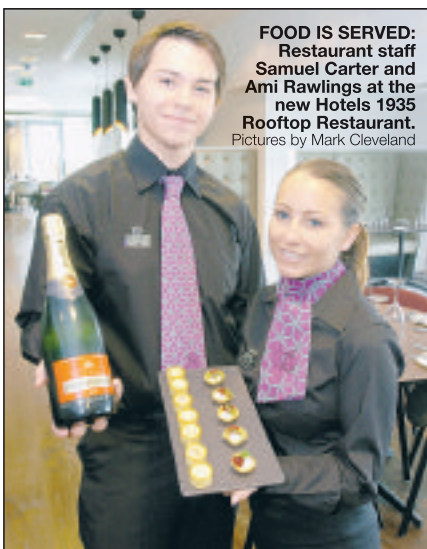
All the rooms have been kitted out with LCD HD ready TVs, Wi-Fi and pillow menus.

It is also offering conference and banqueting in the Laker Suite for up to 150 guests.

An application to hold weddings will also be submitted in the near future.

Managing director of Southend Airport, Alastair Welch, believes the new hotel would improve facilities for passengers and flight crew using the airport.

He said: "High quality and convenient hotel facilities are an essential ingredient of successful airports and an important part of our plans to redevelop Southend Airport."



FOOD IS SERVED: Restaurant staff Samuel Carter and Ami Rawlings at the new Hotels 1935 Rooftop Restaurant. Pictures by Mark Cleveland



COOKING UP A TREAT: Head chef Kieran Moore in the new kitchen at the Holiday Inn.



GREAT VIEW: Holiday Inn managing director Steve Brazil.

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Flat ablaze

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a blaze in a flat in Sutton Road on Tuesday, September 25, at 11.12pm.

Crews wearing breathing apparatus used one hose reel to tackle the fire in the kitchen of a flat in a three storey mid terraced property. The incident was dealt with by 11.38pm.

Woman trapped by car

A 25-YEAR-OLD woman was trapped by a car on Tuesday, September 25, at 3.17pm.

The woman was walking down Canewdon Road, Westcliff, when a car left the road and pinned her against a wall.

Fire crews used a winch to move the car and reach the trapped woman.

Ambulance and police were called while fire crews dealt with the incident by 3.39pm.

Saturday night out

BIG Saturday Nights Out have come back to Southend.

Visitors to Adventure Island, Western Esplanade, can enjoy live DJ, competitions, costume characters, illuminations and half price wristbands after 6pm.

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Company reunion

SOUTHEND Natwest Access is holding a reunion on Thursday, October 25 for staff who worked there from 1972 until 1992.

More than 200 early members of the old Southend based Credit Card Company met for their last reunion and charity fundraiser at Flights in 2001. This month is their 40th anniversary.

For more call Lesley Spencer on 07748 438668 or e-mail lesleyann2natwestaccessreunion@virginmedia.com

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LAST CHANCE: Debora Battley with some of her vases on display in the gallery that may close.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

Art gallery set for closure

A GALLERY in Westcliff is giving people a last chance to buy works of art.

The Work of Art Gallery in Hamlet Court Road, will be closing by the end of the month if owner Cheryl Glascock can-

not find someone to run it.

Cheryl said artists currently working the gallery would not be able to do so for much longer due to her working full-time as well as the gallery.

She said: "I would like some-

one to take it over really.

"If someone doesn't, I will close it down."

If you would like to express interest in the gallery and running it contact Cheryl on 07807 232063.

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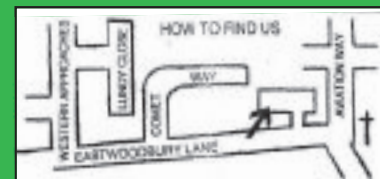
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Students celebrate in graduation ceremony

By Paul Giles

THE CLIFFS Pavilion was a sea of black caps and gowns last week as South Essex College celebrated their graduation.

About 370 students graduated this year, with 31 gaining First Class Honours degrees, the largest number of students to do so from the College.

Enjoying her first College Graduation was new principal and chief executive, Angela O'Donoghue.

Addressing the crowd at the Cliffs, Angela said the day was a very special day.

She said: "It is the day on which we mark the achievements of our Higher Education students, gained through their dedication and persistence."

Speaking about the 31 First Class Honours students, Angela called them a fantastic achievement, adding: "Learner success is our number one priority. Nothing gives me or my colleagues greater pleasure than the opportunity to celebrate our students' success."

Following in the footsteps of Paralympian Danny Crates, comedian and broadcaster Phil Jupitus and singer Alison Moyet, this year's recipient of the Honorary degree was Jan Hodges, CEO of the Edge Foundation, an independent education charity.

No stranger to graduation, Jan was principal and chief executive of the College for nine years until early last year before starting her current role at Edge.

Jan said it was her privilege to be principal of the College for nine years.

She said: "Having left the College over a year ago, while I have very much enjoyed the challenges of my new job, I have missed the College, the staff and students and the various partner organisations. So it's great to be invited back."

"As a local person, having the opportunity to play a lead role in the College's development



GRADUATION: Principal and chief executive, Angela O'Donoghue, and Jan Hodges, CEO of the Edge Foundation.

and, in particular, the development of Higher Education provision in partnership with the University of Essex - a University which is highly rated for the quality of its teaching and research - gave me enormous pleasure."

The college are inviting future students to see the range of degrees on offer at a special Higher Education Open Event on Saturday, between 11am-2pm.

PE teacher finds job worth doing

ONE student at the graduation ceremony was Howard Mackler who has fulfilled his dream of becoming a PE Teacher.

Working in business and finance since the age of 18, four years ago Howard swapped the London commute for the classroom and decided to quit his job to follow his true vocation in life.

The 44-year-old began working as a sports co-ordinator at South Essex College in 2008, but after gaining First Class Honours in his BSc (Hons) Sports Studies degree, he has since taken up a position as a full-time lecturer in the sport team.

Howard said he had always been passionate about sport.

He said: "I just happened to fall into the finance industry after I made a deal with a friend; he'd said get me a job if I played for his football team."

"I soon found I was working all hours and hardly saw my family; I had no work/life balance. Something had to give and I suddenly thought it's now or never so I decided to quit. It was terrifying but I had enough confidence in myself that I'd find something else."

Failing his A-levels, Howard admits to not being very academically minded at school and was worried about the challenges that being a mature student would bring.

He continued: "Coming back into the learning environ-



SPORTS GRADUATE: Howard Mackler, who has fulfilled his dream of becoming a PE Teacher.

ment was a bit of a culture shock but I brought with me so much life experience and a real determination to succeed after making so many sacrifices.

"I think many older people underestimate the invaluable life skills that they've gained. In my job as a Treasury Operations Manager I'd headed up teams of 60 people so I knew all about how to deal

with stressful situations, research skills and how to manage my time; all important skills you need when studying for a degree."

Despite the decrease in salary, Howard has no regrets. He concluded: "It's the best decision I've ever made, I've found a job that I love doing and I get to spend more time with my family, and you can't put a price on that."

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Scaling new heights for charity

By Paul Giles

AN ABSEILING event has been organised to raise money for 18 local charities.

Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS) will see abseilers scale down the Lloyds TSB building in Southchurch Avenue, Southend, between 9am to 4pm on Saturday.

Jo McPherson, from SAVS, explained an event of this kind would be beneficial to various local charities in order to give them the opportunity to raise funds vital to their work.

Jo said: "Events such as this would prove far too expensive for any of these individual charities alone, but with a number of them joining together makes the whole venture viable."

"We have engaged the Mile End Rock Climbing Group, who are extremely experienced in abseiling, to be completely in charge of the days proceedings and Lloyds TSB have kindly allowed us to use their building for this fundraising event."

Southend's independent registered charity, Homeless Action Resource Project, seized the opportunity to participate and have so far recruited 11 supporters.

HARP's volunteer trainer, Paul Munnings, accepted the challenge even though he has a fear of heights.

He said: "I'm going to try and conquer my fear of heights in order to help promote awareness and raise much needed funds for a charity close to my heart, this being HARP."

"When considering the realities of homelessness I am sure abseiling down a 12 storey building will be a walk in the park."

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ABSEILING: Barry Jones, Michelle Noad, Kelly Boare and Paul Munnings who will all be taking part in the challenge.

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Sciatica



Sciatica "Si-at-ika" is a group of symptoms involving pain in the buttock and back of the leg, only usually on one side of the body. In addition to pain there may be any combination of pins & needles, numbness, tingling and muscle weakness in the affected leg or foot.

The true meaning of Sciatica is often misunderstood. The term is merely a group of symptoms and not a diagnosis. This means that if you have been told you have Sciatica, you still have not been given a diagnosis, as the diagnosis is being told what is causing your Sciatica symptoms. Having a correct diagnosis is important because the treatment options for the different causes are very different.

The main causes of Sciatica are:

■ **Spinal disc herniation:** Some people call this a "slipped disc" but what actually happens is the fluid like contents of your spinal disc causes the outer layers of the disc to bulge out. If this bulge is on to a spinal nerve in your lower back, it can cause Sciatica.

■ **Spinal Stenosis:** This is where the hole for your spinal nerve to exit from the spinal canal closes up and puts pressure on the affected nerve, causing Sciatica.

■ **Piriformis Syndrome:** The piriformis is a muscle in your buttock. The Sciatic nerve passes very closely to this muscle and in rare cases passes through the muscle. When this muscle gets tight it can irritate the Sciatic nerve, which can cause Sciatica.

As a Chiropractor, many people come to me with sciatica. Narrowing the symptoms down to a diagnosis involves a thorough case history, an orthopaedic examination to find out where the symptoms are coming from, a neurological examination to find out if and how the nerves are affected and a Chiropractic examination to find out how your spine is functioning.

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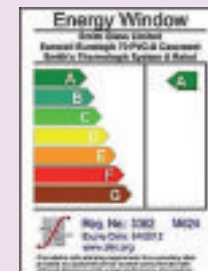
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CHARITY: Kevin Jarvis and Ami Miller at Mecca Bingo.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Fundraisers hit the jackpot

TWO staff members at a bingo club have raised £1,500 for charity.

Kevin Jarvis and Ami Miller from Mecca Bingo, in Southend, totalled up the cash jackpot after taking part in the Great North Run last month.

They were part of a 94 strong group of runners from 57 Mecca clubs across the UK taking part in the race to help Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Kevin, who is membership manager at the bingo club, said: "It was fantastic taking part in the Great North Run.

Having never run that far before and setting myself the challenge of running in under two hours, I was over the moon to cross the line in one hour and 53 minutes!

"The legs were sore for the week after but it was such an achievement for us to be able to say we did it and for such a worthy cause too."

Nicola Hastler, from Marie Curie Community Fundraiser, said: "We are grateful to the efforts of Kevin, Ami and the rest of the Mecca runners who were the largest team taking

part in the race for our charity.

"Staff at Mecca have already done a fantastic job and raised more than £500,000 since we formed a partnership with the clubs in 2010."

The charity and Mecca Bingo are continuing to work together with every £20 raised helping provide an hour of Marie Curie nursing care.

Kevin added: "We'll be continuing to raise money for the charity over the coming months and we have even more fundraising events planned."

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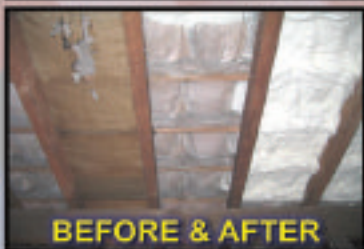
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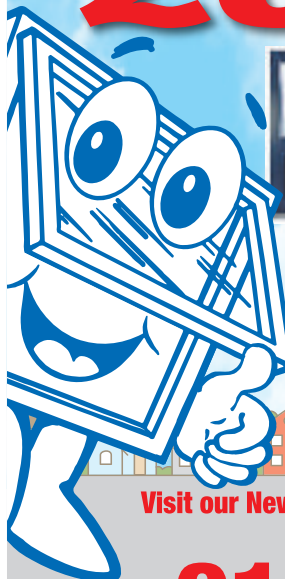
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WINNER: Luke Rhodes.
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Teen a step closer to his West End dream

A 17-YEAR-OLD is one step closer to his dream of appearing in the West End thanks to a scholarship from Ridley Studios, in Westcliff.

The college, which has been training up-and-coming talent for 57 years, ran a scholarship competition in the Yellow Advertiser earlier this year to give away a fully funded place on its Musical Theatre Diploma – worth a massive £8,400.

A total of 12 youngsters, aged between 16 and 18, took part in auditions in front of four judges, including the head of the college, Joe Elliott, during which they had to deliver two monologues as well as dance and sing.

It was then on to interviews with the panel before the judges made a decision to award the scholarship to up-and-coming star, Luke Rhodes.

The student, from Benfleet, who lives at home with his mum, dad and younger sister, said: "The scholarship means quite a lot as I don't normally get a break. It's a fantastic opportunity to do something I want to do."

Luke, a former pupil of Appleton School, who has just begun his two year scholarship, added: "My ambition is to appear in the West End, but I need to get into a college in London to do that, like the Italia Conti. This is something I really want to do and a place

at Ridley Studios gives me an opportunity I wouldn't get anywhere else.

"During the induction week at Ridley's they took us to see Soul Sister and Sweeney Todd and this has already inspired us to do well on the course."

Joe said: "The decision wasn't easy as some of those auditioning really needed the place. We awarded the place on talent points as well as personality."

"We chose Luke because of his ambition and drive, as well as his ability. He also has a raw talent and it is easier to train someone like that."

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Squatting legislation enforced

NEW squatting legislation has been enforced for the first time as police and housing associations look to restore legal occupation in residential properties in Southend.

Neighbourhood policing officers joined forces with tenancy officers from South Essex Homes last Wednesday at flats in Fairfax Drive and Sutton Road.

During recent weeks, teenagers have been intimidating residents to such an extent that they have forced them out and then adopted the homes to use as their own, free of charge. Both addresses have been linked to drug abuse.

Squatting was made a criminal offence in September and is contrary to the Legal Aid,

Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act.

Neighbourhood policing Inspector Bill Potter said the houses had been previously raided.

He said: "Our actions will bring some stability to the affected neighbourhoods."

"This new legislation will allow us to act swiftly where there are specific breaches of the new law and give respite to a community."

"Essex is only the third force in England and Wales to have used this legislation."

"The new legislation is not designed to deal with disagreements between landlords and their tenants or issues with authorised tenants remaining within properties."

"These disputes will remain subject of the appropriate civil law."

The new squatting legislation will reclaim residential properties which have been illegally entered and where trespassers still remain."

Although no arrests were made, both properties were secured with robust steel security doors by South Essex Homes which will prevent any further illegal occupation.

Anita McGinley, from South Essex Homes, explained the legislation could be used in future to secure properties.

She added: "In the past six months we have pursued possession action against squatters who took over a flat in Malvern."

Witness a wildlife spectacle

THE RSPB will be holding events this autumn for people to witness the wildlife spectacle of the season as thousands of brent geese descend onto the Thames Estuary.

Visitors can watch as the mudflats come alive as the smallest goose in the UK arrives from northern Russia and Siberia to feed on the eelgrass.

The Thames Estuary is one of the best places in the UK to see such large numbers of brent geese and offers great views as the birds descend and feed.

There is even the chance to catch a glimpse of common seals and other estuary wildlife as they mingle on the flats.

Alan Shearman, community programme manager, said the brent goose watch is a brilliant chance to get close to an amazing wildlife spectacle.

He said: "The Thames Estuary is vitally important for wildlife and is one of the most biologically productive habitats on the planet - even rivaling tropical rainforests."

"And there's not a better moment to really see this than when watching the autumn geese and waders arrive."

"However, there is also a conservation message that comes with the arrival of the geese."

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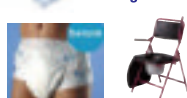


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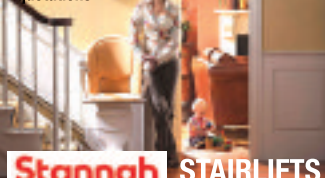


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Former Hammers all set to host entertainment evening

FORMER West Ham United players will be putting on a night of entertainment at the Boatyard Restaurant, in Leigh, this month.

Mark Ward, Phil Parkes, Alan Devonshire and Tony Gale will all be talking about their lives at the event.

The football celebrities – who became household names playing for the Hammers during the 80s and early 90s – are the main attractions at the West Ham United Legends evening being held at the popular venue from 7pm until midnight on Friday, October 19.

They will be talking about their time and experiences with the East End club during a period when West Ham reached two major cup finals and finished in their highest ever league position.

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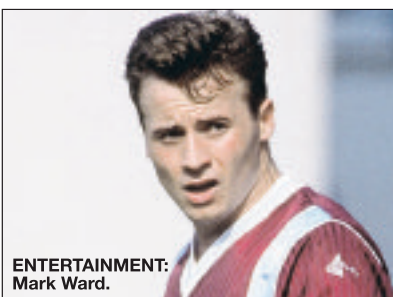
Among those talking will be former midfielder Mark, 49, who was ever present for the Hammers during the 1985/86 season when the club reached third place in the old First Division.

He will be speaking about his time at West Ham as well as talking about his experiences

of prison life after being jailed in 2005 for drug offences.

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Police hunt knife wielding robber

DETECTIVES want to speak to this man in connection with an attempted robbery in Westcliff.

The attack happened when a 35-year-old Southend man was walking along Fairfax Drive shortly before 5.30pm on Sunday, August 5.

He was approached by another man who attempted to grab the victim's rucksack that he had been carrying. The attacker then produced a small knife which led to a tussle between the two, resulting in the knifeman running off.

Investigating Officer, DC Sam Winter, said both men fought with each other and exchanged punches.

DC Winter said: "The attacker fell to the pavement, giving the victim the chance to run to his car where he then drove off."

"This fight would have easily caught the attention of passers-by so we're appealing for them to contact us."

"Furthermore, we hope that someone can provide us with the name of the man shown in the e-fit."

The robber is



described as white, in his mid-late 30s, of slim build, approximately 5ft 10ins tall, has dark brown, greasy and scruffy hair, has a full, dark-

brown beard.

At the time, he was wearing a dark-green hoodie and dark trousers. He also smelt strongly of engine oil.

Anyone with information in connection with this attempted robbery is urged to contact detectives at Southend police station on 101.

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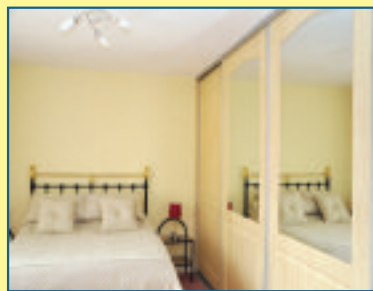


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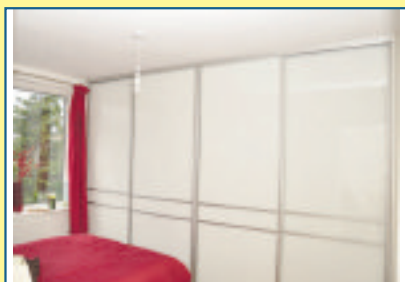


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Businessman to star in The Full Monty production



A ROCHFORD businessman is set to strip onstage in his first ever acting role.

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The performance is being staged by the Leigh Operatic and Dramatic Society, who headhunted Paul after hearing he was a good singer.

They knew of Paul through his work with the Eastwood Choral

and the British Beach Boys.

Paul said: "I was asked if I could act as they were looking for a character who looked like me."

"I remember saying, 'What, fat and coloured?' Ken blushed a bit and said, 'Well, yes!'"

"I told him I had never really acted but was willing to give it a go. Then he dropped the bombshell - 'Oh, by the way, you have to get your kit off!'"

The show runs at the Palace Theatre from

Wednesday, October 24, to Saturday, October 27.

More than 1,500 tickets have already been sold.

He added: "The rest of the cast have been extremely supportive and I'm having a great time - but I can't see myself taking my clothes off for a living!"

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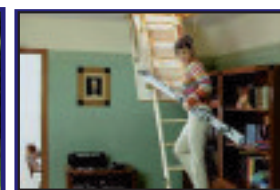
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Opinion and readers' letters

Attitudes have got to change, and change fast

AS THE era of cheap energy ends, we also enter the era of the consequences of environmental mismanagement. A report by the DARA group of scientists confirms that 400,000 people are now being killed annually, with a global financial cost of \$1.2 trillion due to climate change related damage.

These costs will now grow rapidly as the UK and the world suffer climate destabilisation, damaging crops and forcing up the price of the food we buy.

This happens as the cost of oil rises significantly as new sources become much harder and more dangerous to reach. European Union nations, upon which we depend for trade and export markets, are slowing down due to a double whammy of debt and the cost of imported oil. EU nations are on track to spend a record breaking two trillion euros in 2012 on imported fuel.

Countries like Italy and Spain can never recover if they continue to spend billions on imported oil. This money flows out of Europe and cannot then be spent on British goods.

Attitudes have got to change and change fast. The vast

majority of people have remained silent for far too long. Everyone has a duty to demand renewable energy generated here in the UK, demand dynamic steps to slash the amount of oil used in transport and promote similar changes abroad. If we do not, the amount we spend on fuel and food will suck ever more money out of the economies we depend upon for our livelihood and we will all get a lot poorer.

Jon Fuller
Address supplied

Hockley IS affected by plane noise

FOLLOWING on from Alan James' letter regarding airport expansion, I must disagree with his suggestion that Hockley is 'practically unaffected' by aircraft noise.

It is only when out walking in the fields and woods, away from roads, that if one listens then the almost constant drone of aircraft noise becomes obvious. The small, low-flying prop planes are indeed loud, like lawn-mowers in the sky. And there is the noise of planes high up. But there are a lot of big, distinctive orange easyJet planes either flying off from Southend Airport, or circling in to land. Although they are not deafening or immediately over-

head, once one is tuned in to the drone, then the peace of the countryside is somewhat spoilt.

Although I appreciate how nice and convenient the airport is for local people, I do shudder to think of the huge expansion plans afoot.

Margaret Christian Hockley

Council should think of residents

WEEDS! Are we proud to have The Council of the Year when our streets are allowed to have weeds 18 inches high? Willingale Way, Thorpe Bay has weeds the whole length of the road.

Maybe the council should think less of day trippers and more of residents.

Denis Bailey
Thorpe Bay

The class system continues to thrive

CAN we 'plebs' use the same 'get out jail card' used by some politicians and public figures to escape retribution when caught out on the 'naughty step'?

Simply, "I do sincerely apologise but now I want to draw a line under the whole incident and move on." In other words "I am too superior to be questioned about my wayward behaviour by people who should know their place so go away and don't bother me anymore."

Who says the class system does not continue to thrive in England?

Steve Askham
Leigh on Sea

Council needs to represent women more

LIKE a lot of residents, I have recently received issue 24 of Southend Borough Council's Outlook. This letter relates to pages 22/23 which list the composition of the Council and Councillors representing the Borough as well as those in the Council's Cabinet. In 2012 it is such a poor representation of Southend's electorate that I felt compelled to write and express my disappointment.

"Male and Pale" sums up SBC and particularly the Cabinet which has only one woman. Given that there are 25 Conservative Councillors, eight of whom are female, women appear to be significantly under-represented. The female population in Britain, including Southend, number a little over 50 per cent therefore this one appointment would appear to be very poorly reflected in the Cabinet and given that there are 32 per cent Conservative females to choose from it seems extraordinary that only one lone female has been included. These are the number of Councillors for the each of the parties:-

Of 25 Conservative, eight are women (32 per cent)

Of six Labour, three are women (50 per cent)

Of 11 Independent, two are women (18 per cent)

Of nine Lib Dems, one woman (11 per cent)

The Lib Dems, for all their rhetoric, are the worst offenders, closely followed by the Independents, however the Conservatives could improve their representation, certainly in the cabinet, this is completely unacceptable. Labour alone, even with so few Councillors can manage an equal proportion.

I think no one can argue with the fact that women are significantly under represented in society as a whole and in 2012 it is time this was remedied. It is argued that quotas are unfair, but I would argue that to maintain the status quo is to deny the voice of half the population. To say that selection should be based on meritocracy would suggest that insufficient women merit positions of responsibility which cannot possibly be true. In this day

and age this is obviously out of kilter with the actual facts. It is high time Southend Council woke up to the fact that women not only have had the vote for some time but many hold responsible jobs these days and deserve balanced representation in their Councils and Government.

Jane Ward
Leigh On Sea

We had it hard too

HAVING read the letter re Older people versus young, I wish to reply to the writer who was not gracious enough to give their name, writing instead under the guise of 'name/address supplied.'

Maybe they are just trying to provoke some comments from those they have given some 'stick' to, so I would like to speak up on my own situation as one who he/she refers to as a Baby-Boomer. Do they honestly think we had it easy in our earlier years? As one of six children of a Farm Labourer our family of eight lived in a very small old rented bungalow; Dad worked extremely long hours, outdoors in often horrendous weather and as we got older Mum did cleaning jobs and worked seasonally on a fruit farm.

My eldest brother and I were born in late 1930s so went through the very tough war years. We children helped at home with our younger siblings and also had jobs, delivering telegrams on our old bikes that Dad built out of other old second-hand bikes, living in a small village we needed bikes to get to school, and to bike to the farms where we worked in holiday times, picking fruit, and vegetables etc.

Our parents went without a great deal and brought us all up to be extremely aware of how to 'make-do-and-mend.' To this day I still live very similarly to that principle i.e. 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it'.

When my husband and I married, (very small, quiet wedding because we couldn't afford otherwise) Not THOUSANDS of pounds spent as so many of the young people today opt for, on huge weddings where they have to have all the very expensive trimmings! Instead we saved what little we could manage to pay towards our home and family.

We were very fortunate in being allocated a council house, having rented various fairly grotty private flats beforehand, and we both worked, me working shifts part-time, my husband being a full time low-paid hospital employee.

We started off our home with second-hand furniture and mostly lino floors and didn't have a washing machine or telephone until our eldest child was 16 in the early 1980s. We did have an old van in the 60s but had to sell that because of the cost.

While I agree that it is now a huge worry for many young people to find jobs when they leave school, we were fortunate in often having a choice of jobs, BUT we really did work very hard and struggled to pay for everyday living without any luxuries like holidays which so many take for granted now. I survive happily on my state pension and part of my late husband's small NHS pension - though I worked part-time we needed my wages to live and consequently couldn't afford to pay out for an occupational pension which would have been a great asset for me to have now. I am 'low-maintenance' through necessity but because of my upbringing I know how to budget within my limits. I have never lived beyond my means and never owed money. How many today do we hear saying 'wish I could pay off my credit-card debt' ?!

If they'd forgo updating their car, iPod, massive TV, beer, meals out etc. they could manage as I do, thoroughly enjoying every day with family and friends BUT within my limits ! I'm certainly not a Baby-boomer, I may be worse off financially than many who live so well on benefits, I agree I am fortunate being a homeowner, but it took many years of hard going to achieve.

I am very relieved that I am not a young person now, because I wouldn't be happy with the way so many are not so happy without all mod-cons and all that goes with it. I am lucky to be happy and above all CONTENT.

Carole Begley
Address supplied

Schoolboys need a lesson on being tidy

WAITING for the traffic lights to change at the Bell pub, I saw a group of Southend High school boys (in uniform) sitting on a wall waiting for a bus. While waiting, they were indulging in sweets and crisps while throwing their litter on the ground.

I thought this a very bad impression for their grammar school, especially as they were wearing a school uniform where people would know what school they came from. When I was at school we would have been pulled up by the head teacher if we were seen to be disgracing our school.

My son went to Southend High, I always thought he was privileged to be able to attend such a school. I think some of them need lessons in putting rubbish in the appropriate places, and have some respect while wearing that school uniform.

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Rochford man appointed as Deputy Lieutenant of Essex

A ROCHFORD man has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Essex.

Dan Squier, 68, was appointed to the role after Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Lord Petre, was left impressed by his copious charity work.

Mr Squier served for five years as the chairman of the South East Essex branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and has been an active supporter of the charity for several decades, offering his land at Doggetts Farm for fundraising boot fairs and barbecues.

He said he had become involved with the charity after

a close friend was diagnosed with the condition.

Mr Squier, president of the Essex Agricultural Society, is a former governor of Writtle College and a member of the Rochford Rotary Club.

A former recipient of Rochford District Council's Citizen of the Year Award, he has previously been county chairman of Essex Young Farmers and has served as branch, county and regional chairman of the National Farmers Union.

As Deputy Lieutenant of Essex, he can be asked to assist in the performance of any public

duty which falls on Lord Petre.

He is one of four new Deputy Lieutenants.

Lord Petre said: "I am delighted to be

able to make these appointments. The individuals concerned

have made a great contribution to the county and fully deserve the recogni-

tion they have received."

Mr Squier said: "It is a surprise, a great honour and a privilege to be asked to take on this role."

Praise given for new mentoring scheme

PUPILS have sung the praises of the Fitz William School's new mentoring scheme.

The Rayleigh school's 'eBuddy' system assigns Year 11 students to classes of new Year Seven students.

The Year 11 pupils are on hand, online, to offer help and advice to the youngsters as they settle into secondary school life.

Head of Year Seven, Lucy Wass, said: "Our Year 11 primary liaison executives e-mail their Year Seven focus tutor group as a way of developing their role and relationships."

"They can offer the new pupils support and give information and advice in these early days of secondary school. I hope that this new system is a great success. Our Year 11s are really keen to help the new recruits!"

Year 11 eBuddy, Lydia Cannon, said mentoring the youngsters online made them less reluctant to ask for advice.

She explained: "The scheme will give Year Sevens a chance to ask questions without being face-to-face. It's nice that they have a Year 11 pupil they already know instead of a teacher."

Year Seven pupil Travis Bailey said: "It's a really easy way of asking a question without having to look

around the school for a prefect."

Fellow Year Seven pupil Citlali Rojas said: "If anyone has any worries then there is always someone there to contact who has experience of the school."



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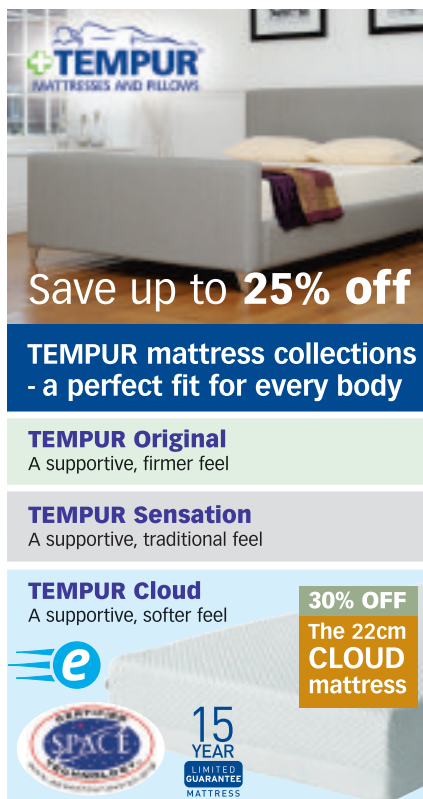
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Take a walk on the wild side

LIZ WADE gets a close-up view at Europe's most ambitious man-made coastal nature projects, taking place in Wallasea Island in Rochford

WHILE I normally head to places that are well established, or at least fully open, this week I thought I'd feature a place you really should be keeping an eye on – Wallasea Island.

During the summer I took a wander around the island, situated within the Crouch and Roach estuaries, where work was underway for the RSPB's Wallasea Island Wild Coast Project – Europe's most ambitious man-made coastal nature project.

The project, officially launched last month by the government's environmental secretary Owen Paterson, will transform the peaceful landscape of levee-protected farmland into a wetland area more than twice the size of the City of London.

It will be home to 10's of thousands of migratory birds, as well as a network of around eight miles of coastal walks and cycle routes for

visitors to enjoy, and hopefully even a visitors centre.

Although access to this network of pathways may be way off in the future, as the reserve will take until 2019 to develop, there are ways to enjoy Wallasea Island as the RSPB welcomes visitors to view its progress at each stage of the project. You can also access the area along the north (Defra) sea wall, a wonderful place to enjoy a relaxing walk or cycle, which will be unaffected by the construction work.

A series of guided walks with the Wallasea Birder and project volunteers have also been taking place throughout the year. There are still a few more walks to join, right up until December, and as they are free (must be pre-booked, see below) they are a great opportunity to find out more about the project.

While you may think this project is all about protecting birds, and attracting breeds back including the Kentish plover that hasn't been seen in the area for more than 50 years, in actual fact it is also about combating the threat of climate change and coastal flooding.

A massive nine tenths of Essex's wild coastline has been lost over the past 400 years, and without projects like Wallasea Island, rising sea levels are threatening another 1,000 hectares over the next decade.

The island, which was originally made up of five separate saltmarsh islands used for grazing sheep, became enclosed by sea defences over the years – creating the shape of the island you see today. Drainage and conservation work then took place from the 1930's to

turn it into arable land.

The Wallasea Island Coast Project will transform the area back into a coastal marsh by recreating the ancient wetland landscape of mudflats and saltmarsh, lagoons and pasture last seen 400 years ago. But how will they do this mammoth task exactly? Well it will take 4.5 million tonnes of clean earth from below London to create the landscape, thanks to a special partnership between the RSPB and Crossrail.

The company will remove clay, chalk and gravel during the construction of major new rail tunnels under the city, and deliver more than 2,000 shiploads of it to the island. The project, which will eventually provide 670 hectares of secure habitat for wildlife to thrive in, is predicted to significantly increase the number of birds in the area. It will also show for the first time on a large scale how we can 'future proof' low lying areas of coastline against rising sea levels caused by climate change.

The work in an area, which is among the top five most important coastal wetlands in the country, and is protected by national and European law, is part of a government target to recreate a total of 3,600 hectares, or 8,895 acres of saltmarshes and mudflats by 2015.

It will be fascinating to watch the landscape change over the years and once complete, the project at Wallasea Island will provide not just a haven for nationally and internationally important wildlife, but a wonderful, peaceful place for visitors to enjoy.

PEACEFUL: The landscape on Wallasea Island.



fact file

■ **DIRECTIONS:** Wallasea Island Wild Coast Project is just a few miles north of Rochford. Follow the Ashingdon road until you see the brown tourism signs at Bray's Lane and follow these to the RSPB Wallasea Island Wild Coast. For satnavs use the postcode SS4 2HD.

■ **ACCESS:** Current access along the north (Defra) sea wall will be unaffected by the construction works. There is a car park which is open from 8am to dusk or 7.30pm.

■ **FREE WALKS:** Wallasea Wanders will take place on Saturday, October 13; Saturday, October 27; Saturday, November 17; and Sunday, December 2, from the Wetlands car park, which is three-quarters of a mile beyond Grapnell's Farm yard. While the walks are free they must be pre-booked by calling the number below, and times of walks are dictated by tides. Check out the RSPB's website for future events and further information.

■ **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Visit www.rspb.org.uk/wallasea or call 01702 258357.

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- Saturday, October 6**
- A Macedonian Evening, Carvey Methodist Church, Warden Road, Carvey, 6.30pm, enjoy Macedonian food and learn Macedonian dancing, £3.
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 - Transmission Meditation Workshop, Southend Central Library, 10-11.30am, admission free.
 - Macmillan Coffee Morning, St Mary's Church Hall, 376 High Road, Benfleet, 10am-noon, sales tables, raffle.
 - Jumble Sale, South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay, 10am-noon, admission 20p, proceeds to Grenfell Pre-school, refreshments available. 01277 652366.
 - Surgery, Cllr John Schofield, Member for Basildon Westley Heights, at Basildon Library, Bas Centre, Basildon, 10-11am.
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 - Concert, Basildon Keyboard Club, James Hornsby High School, Nicholas Lane, Basildon, 'Ian Griffin, Ketron keyboards', 8pm, admission £5 including interval refreshments. 01268 415506.
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 - Walk, SE Essex Ramblers, meet 9am, HJB (Hadleigh), John Burrows Recreation Ground car park, Rectory Road, opposite Poores Lane, 10 miles walk in Maidstone area, Kent, pub stop, bring packed lunch.
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- Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, Mondays and Thursdays 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.

- Tuesday, October 9**
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Wednesday, October 10

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Thursday, October 11

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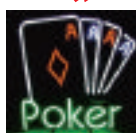
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A failed haphazard campaign

By Damon Smith

ACCORDING to a quote from presidential candidate Ross Perot at the beginning of *The Campaign*, "War has rules, mud wrestling has rules... Politics has no rules."

Screenwriters Chris Henchy and Shawn Harwell adopt a similar no-rules approach to the haphazard plot of their comedy, vetoing plausibility in favour of garish caricatures, bad taste humour and profanity.

Thus, the sleaziness of a married congressman is established by a scene of the politician romping with a pretty supporter in a pungent portable toilet, screaming at the top of his lungs to the workmen standing outside, "If it's a rockin', don't come a knockin'!"

Incredibly, no one takes out a camera phone to record the illicit liaison then uploads the footage to a video-sharing website.

This is a world in which Big Brother watches only when it suits the film-makers.

The Campaign boasts some decent one-liners - "My heart is beating like a phone book in a dryer" - and a delightful sequence of a candidate attempting to recite the Lord's Prayer prompted by mimes from his team.

"Lead us not to The Temptations..." he burbles. But laughs are few and far between.

The buffoon in question is self-serving congressman Cam Brady (Will Ferrell), who has represented the North California district of Hammond for four terms and is poised to be re-elected unopposed for a fifth stint.

When Cam's brazen promiscuity finally comes to the attention of voters, power bro-

RUNNING FOR OFFICE: JASON Sudeikis as Mitch and Will Ferrell as Cam Brady

PA Photo/Warner Bros. Pictures



ker siblings Glenn (John Lithgow) and Wade Motch (Dan Aykroyd) throw their support behind a rival candidate: eccentric local tour guide Marty Huggins (Zach Galifianakis).

Oily campaign manager Tim Wattle (Dylan McDermott) descends on Hammond to give Marty, his wife Mitzi (Sarah Baker) and their children (Grant Goodman, Kya Haywood) an extreme makeover.

"I'm here to make you not suck," growls Tim.

As Marty begins to make inroads into Cam's voting heartland, tension between the two camps

intensifies and the back-stabbing escalates out of control.

Like the political rivals at the heart of the action, *The Campaign* fails to deliver on its promises.

Ferrell lacks his usual sparkle, while Galifianakis recycles his performance from the 2010 comedy *Due Date*, replete with canine sidekick.

For every handful of gags that miss their target, the film delivers a chuckle, such as when Marty asks his loved ones for full disclosure of their dark secrets so the family can start the campaign with a clean slate and his sons' initial mild transgressions (saying the Lord's name in vain) rapidly degenerate into dark and twisted perversions (performing an indecent act with a goat at a petting zoo).

Marty's catchphrase pledge to clean up politics - "I'm bringing a broom, because it's a mess!" - might also be aimed at Jay Roach's disjointed film.

FILM FACTS

The Campaign (15, 85 mins)
Comedy/Romance.
Starring: Will Ferrell, Zach Galifianakis, Jason Sudeikis, Sarah Baker, Katherine LaNasa, Dylan McDermott, John Lithgow, Dan Aykroyd, Brian Cox, Grant Goodman, Kya Haywood.
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Marco, who runs La Romantica with his father, Antonio Dinallo, said: "Christmas bookings are coming in thick and fast so we want to remind people to book quickly so as not to be disappointed."

Every year the restaurant goes out of its way to spread some festive cheer so if you are looking for somewhere to celebrate with family, work colleagues or friends then it costs just £22.95 from Saturday to Wednesday evenings for a three-course meal with coffee.

Those looking for something extra will enjoy the restaurant's music and cabaret evenings every Thursday and Friday, which also include a three-course meal and coffee, for just £24.95. Evenings includes a Luther Vandross tribute on December 6; entertainment from Nardia on December 7; a Soul Night on December 13; soul vocalist Kenny Cheales on December 14; the Paul Cantara Legends Tribute Show on December 20; and the After Dark Duo on December 21. Its Christmas Eve Special will also include a special Solo Ratpack remembrance with Dean Weedon.

Fantastic three-course meals with coffee will be served from noon till late on both Christmas Day and Boxing Day, for just £49.95 and £24.95 respectively, while the on New Year's Eve the restaurant will be hosting a special Gala Night. The evening, which will include music and a disco into the early hours, as well as a delicious three-course meal, novelties and a glass of bubbly costs just £39.95 per person.

As well as its Christmas events the restaurant holds a number of popular cabaret nights throughout the year, which cost just £22.95 per



person and include a delicious three-course meal.

Up-and-coming evenings include a Freddie Mercury and Queen tribute on October 19; a Soul Night with Roy Carter, formally of Heatwave, on October 26; a tribute to David Essex on November 23; and an evening with soul singer Carol Black on November 30.

La Romantica, which has been at the heart of the community for the last 43 years, has a true Italian feel and an extensive menu of traditional, home cooked dishes, many of which are prepared with fresh fish and meat bought specially from London's Billingsgate and Smithfield markets.

The popular restaurant, which is also the ideal

location for a quiet meal for two, offers a set evening menu including a starter and a main course for £12.95, and a Full House four-course meal for only £16.50.

On Sunday you can also enjoy a delicious starter and main meal for £9.95 or its popular four-course Sunday Best for only £13.99.

The restaurant, which seats up to 65 people, can be hired for a wide range of occasions from birthdays to weddings, as well as for other events including private functions and funerals.

For further information about La Romantica, which can be found at 9 High Street, Rayleigh, and is open from 5pm till late from Tuesday to Saturday, and all day Sunday, call 01268 771512 or visit www.laromanticarestaurant.co.uk

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The restaurant is now taking bookings for party nights throughout December, either midweek or weekends, for just £9.95 per person.

The nights, for a minimum booking for 20 people, are ideal for festive gatherings with friends, family or work colleagues.

Anyone interested in making a booking at Wheeler's Tandoori this Christmas is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

Wheeler's Tandoori boasts a delicious cuisine in intimate surroundings, making it the ideal place for a range of occasions.

It's friendly and welcoming atmosphere makes it the perfect setting, whether it's a romantic meal for two or a family celebration.

Wheeler's, which has proved popular since open-

ing its doors in 2009, offers a range of deals for diners and introduced a Sunday Buffet last year. The buffet, which is served from 1pm to late, gives customers the chance to choose from a selection of 25 delicious dishes.

The buffet, which costs just £6.95 per person, or £3.95 for children under the age of 12, is a great way to taste new dishes and is ideal for families because of its outstanding value-for-money.

As well as its buffet, Wheeler's has an extensive a la carte menu offering a wide choice of dishes, which are all individually cooked to order by a team of expert Indian chefs.

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Its latest offer means every day is Two for One, whether you dine in or takeaway (but

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Wheeler's, which prides itself on being just how an Indian restaurant should be, serves authentic Indian cuisine in intimate booths complete with candlelit tables.

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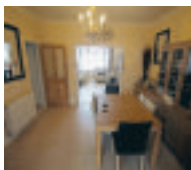
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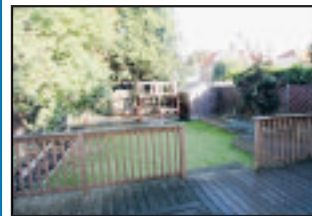
Leigh-on-sea £349,950

VACANT - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING This Very large four bedroom family house in eagerly sought after location close to Belfairs woods and golf course, Large garden, garage plus extra parking, cloaks/w.c., impressive open plan lounge and dining room, double glazed conservatory, 16'2 x 8'6 kitchen, spacious en suite shower room to master bedroom, large family bathroom, gas c/h, d/glazing, no onward chain THIS PROPERTY MUST BE SOLD, SO SENSIBLE OFFERS ARE INVITED ref etl4994



Hullbridge Village £228,000

A bright and spacious three bedroom semi-detached family house situated in a popular location close to Ferry Road with its range of shops and bus routes to surrounding areas including Rayleigh Station. Good size rear garden, garage and parking, gas c/h, 18'7 x 16' lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, cloaks/w.c. EARLY VIEWING ADVISED ref etl 5054



Leigh-on-sea £299,995

Fully detached character house 1 mile from Chalkwell Station and 1.3 miles to Leigh Station, Three bedrooms, spacious lounge with feature fireplace, 21' x 10'3 Dining room, 17' x 10' fitted kitchen, attractive garden with impressive decking patio, quick sale possible, early viewing advised ref etl5057



Westcliff - on-sea £420,000

KEYS AVAILABLE TO VIEW this elegant and very impressive detached executive home situated close to local schools and the hospital. The superb accommodation includes 14'6 x 10'6 5th bedroom/ tv room, cloaks /w.c., large lounge, separate dining room, 15'9 x 13' extensively fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, four large first floor bedrooms, en suite shower room to master bedroom, large family bathroom etc. DOUBLE GARAGE PLUS PARKING WITH IN AND OUT DRIVEWAY - NO ONWARD CHAIN ref etl5052



Chalkwell Hall Estate £174,995

A beautifully presented first floor flat situated within this impressive Edwardian character building on the highly sought after Chalkwell Hall Estate within walking distance of the beach and station. The flat enjoys an estuary view from the lounge and benefits from an allocated parking space. Two bedrooms, elegant 21' x 12'3 lounge with feature fireplace and bay window with sideways estuary view, fitted kitchen, bathroom/w.c.



Leigh-on-sea £725,000

A truly exceptional detached family home situated in one of Leigh's most sought after locations close to the nature reserve. The property is beautifully presented and affords top quality throughout. Four fitted double bedrooms, 2 x en suite's, elegant lounge, truly stunning 25'3 x 12'3 open plan dining room and conservatory, superb 24'6 x 15'6 open plan luxury kitchen and family room, cloaks/w.c., utility room, luxury bathroom, lovely secluded south backing plot. ref etl5048



Westcliff-on-sea £259,000

Fully detached family size Bungalow occupying a large plot with a superb 100' rear garden with two workshops and a very impressive full width, covered decking terrace. accommodation includes three bedrooms with en suite shower room to master bedroom, spacious lounge, 14'5 x 12'2 fitted kitchen/ diner and a Family bathroom. There is ample parking facilities and the bungalow is offered for sale with NO ONWARD CHAIN from February 2013. Sought after location close to Hospital, High schools, Earls Hall Schools etc ref etl5056



Leigh-on-sea £269,950

NO ONWARD CHAIN - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING this surprisingly spacious three bedroom semi detached house situated within easy reach of local shops, schools, Leigh Broadway and approx 1.2 miles from Leigh Station. Lounge with feature fireplace, 17'3 x 12'4 open plan kitchen and dining area, further rear dining room, utility room, cloaks/w.c., gas c/h, off street parking for two cars, 60' approx rear garden with large summer house. ref etl4978



Leigh -on-sea £285,000

A fully detached three bedroom family house with impressive block paved driveway and parking area for 4 -5 cars, large lounge, superb open plan dining room and kitchen, fully fitted with integrated appliances, separate fitted utility room, ground floor cloaks/w.c., 16' x 14'6 master bedroom, Bathroom/w.c., Gas c/h, No onward chain - keys available for viewing ref etl5020



Chalkwell Hall Estate £185,000

SOUTH FACING BALCONY WITH ESTUARY VIEW. Bright and spacious top floor two double bedroom apartment in highly sought after location, well maintained gardens and GARAGE. Large lounge leading out to balcony, spacious fitted kitchen, bathroom/w.c., gas c/h double glazing, KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ref etl5055



Four bedroom detached chalet bungalow, Leigh-on-sea £299,995

Four large bedrooms, 17'1 x 7'6 rec hall, spacious lounge, cloaks/shower/utility room, 18 x 11'10 kitchen/ diner, family bathroom, gas c/h, double glazing, 40' x 50' west facing rear garden, independent driveway and parking for 3 cars, space for garage (stp) sought after location close to Bonchurch Park and walking distance of Broadway plus the station (approx 1.2 miles) etl5025

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RAYLEIGH £925 PCM

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HULLBRIDGE £204,995

*** LOOK!! UP TO FOUR BEDROOMS! *** An extended and much improved family home located in this hugely popular Village location and featuring * 15'10 LOUNGE* 16'5 KITCHEN * MODERN BATHROOM * DRESSING ROOM AND MUCH MORE! This home is chain free and must be seen!



GREAT WAKERING £173,995

HUGELY IMPROVED VICTORIAN COTTAGE SET WITHIN THE HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER CONSERVATION AREA This immaculately maintained home features, two bedrooms, two reception rooms, impressive kitchen and stunning four piece first floor bathroom***THIS IS A MUST SEE PROPERTY!***



RAYLEIGH £209,995

*** TWO BEDROOM SEMI LOCATED IN A FANTASTIC TURNING CLOSE TO TOWN AND STATION *** This property offers spacious accommodation including **TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS ** GOOD SIZE KITCHEN/DINER ** DELIGHTFUL GARDEN WITH STUNNING VIEWS ** Viewing of this fine home is essential!



RAYLEIGH £300,000

Guide Price £300,000 - £320,000 **THIS PROPERTY IS HUGE!! FOUR BEDROOMS** 22' LOUNGE** 18'7 KITCHEN** AIR CONDITIONED CONSERVATORY** BATHROOM AND SHOWER ROOM** 60' GARDEN WITH FEATURE BAR** THIS PROPERTY IS SUPERBLY PRESENTED AND HAS FAR TOO MANY FEATURES TO LIST - MUST BE VIEWED!**



RAYLEIGH £285,000

*** YOU REALLY MUST SEE THIS SUPERB 100' UNOVERLOOKED GARDEN!! *** A three / four bedroom family home set along a highly regarded yet convenient cul-de-sac location. ** TWO/THREE RECEPTION ROOMS** KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM ** GROUND FLOOR CLOAKROOM AND MUCH MORE ** This is a REAL FIND



RAYLEIGH £995 PCM

A superbly presented three bedroom semi detached house. features include an impressive fitted kitchen, 60' garden, luxury four piece bathroom and a ground floor cloakroom. working tenants only, no pets.



RAYLEIGH £245,000

*SUPERBLY MAINTAINED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOME SITUATED ON THE EDGE OF RAYLEIGH NATURE RESERVE. * As well as having STUNNING FAR REACHING VIEWS the property also benefits from having SUPERB ACCOMMODATION and ** PLANNING PERMISSION TO EXTEND FURTHER**



RAYLEIGH £236,995

THIS IS BIG! **THREE/ FOUR BEDROOMS.* 19' LOUNGE.* 18' DINING ROOM.* IMPRESSIVE KITCHEN.* DELIGHTFUL SOUTH FACING AND TOTALLY SECLUDED REAR GARDEN.** This spacious home has far too many features to list here AND is only a few minutes walk from Rayleigh Town and Station.



HULLBRIDGE £925 PCM

The Rona Partnership are offering to let a Five Bedroom Semi Detached House in Hullbridge. This extended property benefits from recently fitted double glazed windows, gas central heating and off street parking for a number of cars. The property is available for viewings



THUNDERSLEY £204,995

*** A REAL FIND *** A two bedroom bungalow set within a highly regarded location and featuring * 15'2 LOUNGE * REPLACEMENT BATHROOM * CONSERVATORY * 90' SECLUDED GARDEN * The property further benefits from having NO ONWARD CHAIN and we strongly advise a viewing.



RAYLEIGH £159,995

RETIRE IN STYLEWe are delighted to offer for sale this two bedroom retirement apartment situated within this modern complex just a short walk from Rayleigh Town and Station. The property is maintained to a high standard throughout and has the added benefit of having no onward chain.



EASTWOOD £269,995

***A DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS AND STUNNINGLY MAINTAINED VICTORIAN STYLE HOME *** Features include superb open plan dining room/family room, luxury fitted kitchen, two/three bedrooms, impressive Victorian style bathroom and en suite to master bedroom. This home must be viewed!



RAYLEIGH £284,995

*** ABSOLUTELY STUNNING *** This three bedroom town house was built less than two years ago and has been vastly improved by the current owner. ** LUXURY FITTED KITCHEN** GROUND FLOOR W.C** EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM ** DELIGHTFUL SECLUDED MAINTENANCE FREE GARDEN** NO CHAIN ** Click here to see more.



RAYLEIGH £230,000

*** YOU'VE GOT TO SEE THIS 100' GARDEN - IT'S STUNNING! ** A substantial three bedroom semi detached house situated just a few minutes walk from Rayleigh Station. ** TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ** HUGE POTENTIAL TO EXTEND FURTHER **



RAYLEIGH £224,995

*** LOOK AT THIS! *** A delightful three bedroom semi detached chalet situated within the ever popular Raywimarc School catchment area. ** 19'3 LOUNGE ** 17'6 KITCHEN /DINER ** UTILITY ROOM ** BATHROOM AND SHOWER ROOM ** DELIGHTFUL SECLUDED GARDEN AND MUCH MORE... ** Keys are held so call now!

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SPRING GARDENS, RAYLEIGH / £289,995



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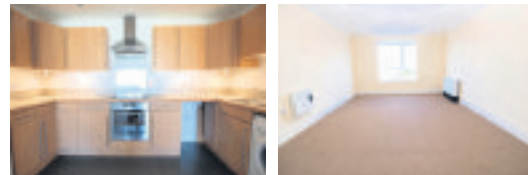
A stunning three/four bedroom semi detached Byford built chalet offered with no onward chain benefiting from spacious accommodation and far reaching views over playing fields. The property benefits from lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, ground floor bedroom/study, three first floor bedrooms, garage and off street parking. Ideally located for Rayleigh High Street, mainline station and is in the highly sought after Rayleigh Primary catchment area. Call 01268 742742.

Westwood Estate, HADLEIGH **£250,000**BACKING
WOODLAND

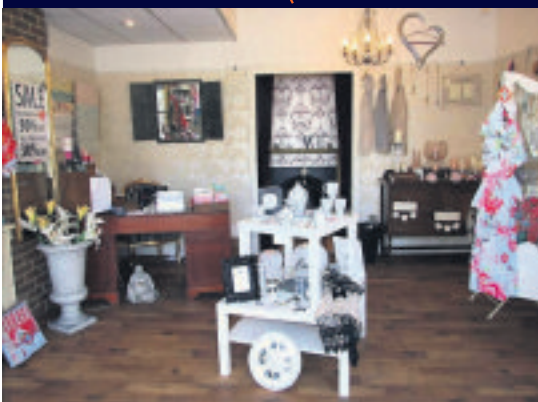
Two/Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow / Rear Garden Backing Directly Onto Westwood / Front Lounge 19'5 x 10'11 / Kitchen 10'3 x 8'2 x 10'5 / Rear Lounge or Bedroom Three 21'5 x 7'5 / Bedroom One 12'8 x 10'4 / Bedroom Two 12'7 built in wardrobes x 7'5 / Three Piece Bathroom Suite / Separate Shower Room / Built In Wardrobes Throughout / Mostly Double Glazed / Full Gas Central Heating / No Onward Chain / Sole Agents / Keys Held For Advised Accompanied Viewing / Call 01702 555888

BENFLEET **£310,000**SOUTH WEST
FACING
GARDEN

Four Bedroom Detached Family Home Ideally Located For Mainline Station \ Lounge 21'5 X 12'10 \ Dining Area 10'3 X 6' \ Study 9'6 X 8'7 \ Well Fitted Kitchen 11'8 X 10'11 \ Ground Floor W.C. \ Bedroom One 10'9 X 10'5 \ Bedroom Two 11'3 X 8'10 \ Bedroom Three 9'8 X 8'10 \ Dressing Room/Bedroom Four 10'2 x 8'11 \ Four Piece Family Bathroom Suite \ South West Backing Rear Garden \ Off Street Parking \ Garage/ Study Room \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

HADLEIGH **£145,000**

Two Bedroom Purpose Built Second Floor Apartment \ Lounge 12'10 X 11'11 \ Bedroom One 10'8 To Built In Wardrobes + Door Recess x 9'11 \ Bedroom Two 12'11 X 7' \ Modern Fully Fitted Kitchen 11'11 X 6'5 \ Four Piece Bathroom Suite \ Double Glazed Throughout \ Economy Seven Heating \ Off Street Parking And Visitors Spaces \ Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre, Castle And Local Woodland Walks \ New Carpets And Re-Plastered \ New Carpets Throughout \ Lease In Excess Of 110 Years \ Immaculately Presented \ Vacant - Keys Held For Advised Viewings \ Call 01702 555888

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RAYLEIGH **£249,995**

Delightful three bedroom family home set within an elevated position close to the Town Centre, Train Station and Rayleigh Primary School. The property has been refurbished to an excellent standard to include lounge/diner, kitchen, ground floor bedroom three, bathroom, two first floor bedrooms with garage and off street parking. We anticipate significant interest. Call 01268 742742.

RAYLEIGH **£1950 pcm**

Five Bedroom Detached Byford Built House/ Modern Fitted Kitchen 12'0 x 9'11/ Lounge 21'0 x 18'0 / Sitting Room 14'1 X 12'0 / Ground Floor Shower Room/ Dinning Room / Study / Sun Lounge 9'0 x 6'0 / Utility Room / Five Good Size Bedrooms/ Luxury Bathroom Suite / Detached Double Garage/ Sought After Location / Call 01702 555888

RAYLEIGH **£975 pcm**

Three Bedroom Linked Detached House/ Lounge 17'6 x 11'2/ Fitted Kitchen 8'10 x 7'9 With Electric Oven & Hob/ Bedroom One 12'3 x 9'10 With Fitted Wardrobes/ Bedroom Two 12'0 x 9'9/ Three Piece Bathroom Suite With Hand Held Shower/ Garage & Off Street Parking/ Double Glazed/ Gas Central Heating/ Viewings Strongly Advised/ Call 01702 555888

RAYLEIGH **£800 pcm**

Two Bedroom First Floor Flat/ Bespoke luxury Kitchen with granite work surfaces, integrated 'smeg' appliances to washer dryer, dishwasher, oven & hob with extractor fan above/ Open Plan Lounge/ Four Piece Bathroom Suite with Hansgrohe Fittings/ Communal Lift/ Electric Gates Leading Secure Parking/ Video Entry Phone System/ Communal Lift/ Call 01702 555888

BENFLEET **£725 pcm**

Two Bedroom First Floor Flat/ Lounge 11'0 x 10'11 / Kitchen/Diner 22'1 x 5'7 With Oven & Gas Hob / Bedroom One 13'11 x 9'5 / Bedroom Two 9'2 x 7'9 / White Three Piece Bathroom Suite With Shower Above Bath / Good Size Rear Garden / Own Entrance / Off Street Parking To The Rear / Call 01702 555888

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA **£475 pcm**

One Bedroom Second Floor Flat / Open Plan Lounge 18'11 x 10'10 With Kitchen Area to Include Electric Oven & Hob / Bedroom 13'5 x 6'5 (With Restricted Height)/ Separate Dressing Room (With Restricted Height)/ Modern White Bathroom Suite/ Parking For One Vehicle / Communal Garden/ Viewings Essential/ Call 01702 555888

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LEIGH-ON-SEA £365,000

Situated on the popular Highlands Estate within walking distance of Leigh Old Town and Station A Detached 4 bedroomed family house offering deceptively spacious accommodation. The property is within the Westleigh Schools catchment area whilst local shops are close to hand. Early vacant possession.



LEIGH-ON-SEA £290,000

Situated in a sought after area with amazing views of the Thames Estuary and Hadleigh Downs we offer this 3 Bed purpose built Flat. Having been redecorated to a high standard the property offers a modern fitted Kitchen, large lounge / dining area, modern bath suite, gas central heating, double glazing and covered parking.



LEIGH-ON-SEA £149,995

Situated south of the London Road A First Floor one bedroomed flat within walking distance of local and Broadway amenities whilst Leigh Station and Old Town are within one mile. The property has its own rear garden and is being sold with the benefit of the Freehold. Early viewing advised



LEIGH-ON-SEA £255,000

Early viewing advised. A modern detached 3 double bedroomed bungalow occupying a wide plot in this popular area close to local amenities. The spacious accommodation has been well maintained throughout and boasts many attractive features including detached garage and further parking for several cars



LEIGH-ON-SEA £845,000

Situated in the sought after Woodlands Park area an exceptional 5 bedroomed detached family home maintained in excellent order throughout and offering numerous luxury features that need to be viewed to be fully appreciated. Full particulars to follow shortly.



LEIGH-ON-SEA £139,995

Benefitting from off street parking and own section of rear garden is this exceptional one bedroom first floor flat just north of the A13 yet within easy reach of mainline station and Broadway facilities. No onward chain. ehl1554



LEIGH-ON-SEA £165,000

Situated on the edge of the Marine estate and therefore within walking distance to Broadway, mainline station and excellent bus routes is this deceptively large three bedroom, two reception room maisonette. No onward chain. ehl1568



LEIGH-ON-SEA £295,000

Rare Opportunity. A large 3 Bedroomed Detached Bungalow requiring modernisation and situated in a favourable position on the popular Belfairs Estate. The property has the benefit of a wide, 80' deep, south backing garden. Local shops, buses and Belfairs Woods/Golf Course are within walking distance.

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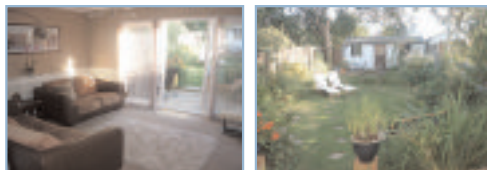
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HOCKLEY

£229,995



Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this delightful three bedroom semi-detached house set in a sought after area and benefiting from off-street parking, large lounge and kitchen/diner. VIEWING IS ADVISED TO APPRECIATE.

LEIGH-ON-SEA

£319,995



Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow set in this popular location in Eastwood within walking distance to the local shops and amenities and local bus routes. CALL NOW TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY.

BENFLEET

£185,000



Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom semi-detached bungalow situated within walking distance to Thundersley Common, local shops, bus routes and amenities. The property benefits from ample parking and west facing rear garden. CALL NOW TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY.

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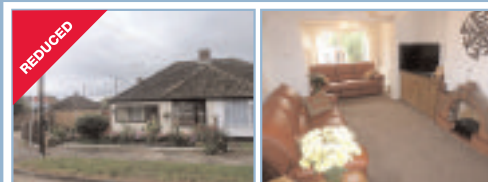
£40,000



One Bedroom Park Home. Double Glazed Windows, Larger Than Average Plot, Off-Road Parking, No Onward Chain.

LEIGH-ON-SEA

£195,000



Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom semi-detached bungalow, situated on this corner plot with potential to extend. It benefits from being gas central heated, double glazed, garage and off-street parking, conservatory and a 22 FT lounge. CALL NOW TO VIEW.

HOCKLEY

£209,995



Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this rarely on the market this immaculate two bedroom detached house set on a quiet road in Hullbridge featuring off-street parking, 40FT rear garden, detached garage, separate dining room. CALL NOW TO VIEW.

RAYLEIGH

£212,995



Connells are pleased to offer for sale this delightful two bedroom semi-detached bungalow in a sought after location. The property benefits from having 2 bedrooms, off-street parking, full planning permission granted for 3 bedrooms and a Bathroom upstairs and also being offered with no onward chain.

BENFLEET

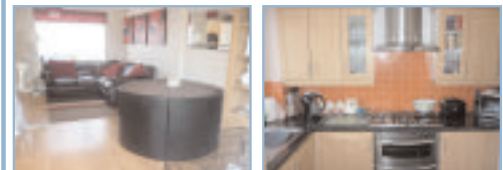
£865,000



Connells of Rayleigh are pleased to offer for sale this five bedroom detached house with a three bedroom Annex attached, in this sought after road, in the ever popular area of Benfleet. It's within a short walk to King John Senior school and a short drive to Boyce Hill private golf course.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

£164,995



Connells are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom end of terrace property set in this quiet location benefiting from having double glazed, hot air heating, laminated wood floors, lounge/diner, 36FT rear garden, double gates, side access. CALL NOW TO VIEW.

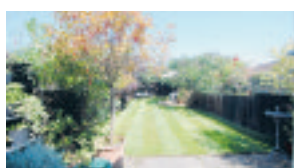
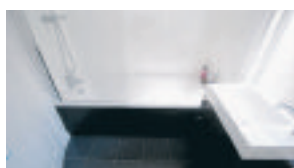


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HOT PROPERTY IN LEIGH, CHALKWELL & WESTCLIFF



**GREAT
LOCATION**



Grange Road £350,000

Located in one of our favourite roads is this character three bedroom semi detached house ideally located for the train station and the Broadway. The property comes with a fantastic kitchen breakfast room with a seating area overlooking the rear garden. The property also comes with off street parking. Call now to view!!!

Westcliff On Sea

£134,995

Ashleigh Stone Estate Agents are delighted to offer this one bedroom ground floor flat with two reception rooms, its own garage and garden which is offered with no onward chain. Call now to view.



Leigh On Sea

£234,995

Decorated to a very high standard is this two double bedroom semi detached bungalow situated close to Belfairs shops and easy access onto the London bound A127. The property comes with plenty of off road parking, south facing rear garden and a open plan lounge diner to the rear.



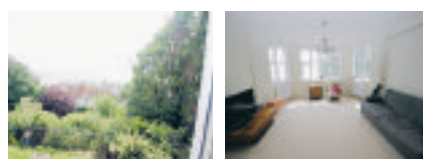
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VIEWS**

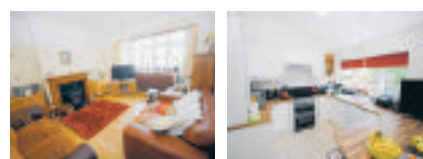


SEA VIEWS £224,995

A FLAT WITH SEA VIEWS!!! This is a purpose built block on the Broadway with secured entrance and parking. The St Clements Court blocks are a sort after development in the heart of Leigh with its well maintained entrance halls and lift. Inside the flat there are two goodsize bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom which have all recently been refurbished, the lounge is situated at the back with estuary views to die for.



**GOOD
SIZE**



Westcliff On Sea £304,995

Ashleigh Stone are offering this large three bedroom house for sale in Westcliff on Sea. Situated on Southbourne Grove giving you easy access into Leigh on Sea, Southend town centre and Southend Hospital. This lovely home has a large open plan kitchen diner over looking an approx 90ft west facing garden, lounge to front, downstairs shower room plus bathroom and a loft room ideal for those teenage kids.

Close to the Broadway

£725 pcm

Ashleigh Stone Lettings are delighted to offer this one bedroom ground floor flat located just off Leigh Road so ideally situated for Chalkwell Station and Leigh on Seas Broadway. The flat is in great condition and benefits from its own West facing rear garden, large conservatory and modern shower room. Sorry working tenants only. Available now.



TO LET

Westcliff On Sea

£750 pcm

This is a first floor flat with two good size bedrooms and large kitchen breakfast room, recently refurbished throughout and offering excellent living conditions this is an ideal flat for those who need to be near the hospital, airport and Southend town centre.



TO LET

South of the London Road

£1,200 pcm

Situated south of the London Road close to the Broadway of Leigh on Sea is this well presented three bedroom end of terrace home with off street parking and approx 80ft rear garden. There is a lounge to the front and a large kitchen diner to the rear with open plan living, upstairs there is a four piece bathroom suite and three good size bedrooms.



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BOSTON AVENUE, SOUTHEND £289,995

Three bedroom family house located within a desirable location. Spacious entrance hall. Lounge. Separate dining room. Spacious kitchen/breakfast room. Ground floor cloakroom/w.c. Bathroom/w.c. Secluded south backing private garden. New double-glazing to front and rear elevation. Parking for two vehicles. Close proximity of Southend town centre & railway station



Sea Views

WESTCLIFF PARADE £349,995

Two bedroom first floor apartment offering one of the most spectacular views of the Thames Estuary. Magnificent entrance hall and stairway. Fantastic lounge with double glazed sash bay window offering stunning estuary views. High quality fitted kitchen, bathroom & en-suite. Coach House style garage to the rear. Cliff top location. Easy access to mainline railway stations with direct links to London. Early viewing is highly recommended.



LEIGH ON SEA £325,000

Detached family house in popular residential area. Spacious Lounge with French doors to garden. Dining room. Fully fitted kitchen with appliances. Utility room. Ground floor cloakroom. Master Bedroom with en-suite shower room. Integral garage. Private garden. Off street parking.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £189,995

Spacious three bedroom family house located in the heart of the Milton Conservation Area. Lounge with feature fireplace. Dining room. Spacious kitchen/breakfast room. Enormous bathroom/w.c. with traditional white suite. Gas central heating. Potential off-road parking. Summer house. Vacant possession. Early internal viewing advised.



SEA VIEWS

PUBLIC NOTICE

We now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £124,950 for: 91A Eastern Esplanade Southend on Sea, Essex, SS1 2YT. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact: Hopson Property Services, 39 Alexandra Street, Southend on Sea, SS1 1BW Tel: 01702 334353 before exchange of contracts.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £59,950

One bedroom first floor flat located close to Southend town centre and mainline railway station. Entrance hall. Lounge. Fitted kitchen. Double bedroom. Bathroom/w.c. Gas central heating via radiators (not tested). Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity.



THORPE BAY £269,950

Substantial four/six bedroom family house located a few minutes walking distance of Thorpe Bay's seaford and Southchurch Park. Three reception rooms. Modern kitchen. Ground floor cloakroom. Two bathrooms. Shower room. 65'-70' north backing garden. Off-road parking. Part double glazed. Gas central heating. Potential for improvement.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £124,950

Two bedroom purpose built first floor apartment. Security entrance. Entrance hall. Lounge with open plan fitted kitchen 17' x 15'. Master bedroom with en-suite 11'6 x 11'2. Bathroom/w.c. UPVC double glazed. Private parking space. Close to seaford & Southchurch Park. Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £54,950

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ASK THE AGENT ALAN KIRKMAN



ALAN KIRKMAN is Director of Essex TEAM - part of the UK's largest branded network of independent estate agents, with 50 computer-linked offices across the county and 500 more nationwide. Managing Director of Tudor Estates in Southend, Alan has been an Estate Agent for over 25 years.

Q. As an estate agent, what do you think of the Government's proposed relaxation of the planning laws?

A. The two issues that so far seem to have stirred up the most heated debate are, on the one hand, the proposed relaxation of planning rules governing new residential developments, and on the other the suggestion that for a period of time people should be free to build much larger extensions to their properties than are currently permitted.

As far as the first of these is concerned, I am not convinced. Developers, of course, would have us all believe that the only thing stopping them building the hundreds of thousands of new homes that the country needs is the planning system - and in particular, tiresome little rules like affordable housing quotas and the protection of the Green Belt. However...the Local Government Association, no less, insists that this is a myth, and has even released figures which show that planning permission already exists for some 400,000 new homes which haven't been built yet! So much, they say, for the argument that planning is holding back development.

As for the second issue - which I suspect is the one you are more concerned about - I'm sure it won't surprise you in the least to hear that I am broadly against the proposal. After all, we estate agents have a clear vested interest in people moving house, rather than simply extending their existing home.

In actual fact, however, you don't need to be an estate agent to see that relaxing planning rules on things like conservatories and single-story extensions is not going to help revive the housing market - something which the Government claims to be so keen to do - one little bit. Quite the opposite in fact.

Besides, there is widespread concern about the long-term legacy of such a measure - so much so that at least one local authority has declared its opposition to the idea. And surveys suggest that the general public are dead against it too.

I am not suggesting for one moment here that the planning system wouldn't benefit from being made less rigid and time-consuming. But the nightmare prospect of an uncontrolled rash of monstrous new extensions, entirely out of keeping with the character and scale of their surroundings, is not the answer!

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Love and eight

By Jonathan Crouch

THE PEUGEOT 208 dramatically improves its French brand's proposition in the supermini sector. It's smart to look at - and smart to own, with frugal running costs and lots of clever high-tech. It's a small car with very big ideas.

One issue tends to dominate your thinking the first time you get into this 208 and drive off.

Namely the smallest steering wheel you'll find this side of a supercar. A potential problem, you might think, given that in most vehicles, you view the instrument cluster through the wheel. Here though, you don't have to for the instrument pack has been moved to sit up above the wheel as it would do in, say, an MPV.

On the road, this car feels light on its feet thanks to a programme of weight-saving that has especially benefitted entry-level variants equipped with the marque's clever three cylinder petrol engine.

For this test though, I elect-

ed to focus on diesel power, choosing from an advanced HDi line-up virtually all of which features the brand's eco-friendly micro-hybrid e-HDi technology. At entry-level, there's a 68bhp 1.4-litre unit, but most sales will be of the 92bhp 1.6-litre variant I tried, also available with the rather jerky EGC automatic box or in slightly pokier 115bhp form.

It's taken Peugeot some time to return to the simple, smart but effective design that characterises this 208 in both three and five-door forms. None of this though, properly prepares you for what you'll find inside when you slip behind the wheel.

This cabin would be impressive were it to have been created by a premium brand but from a mainstream maker especially, dare I say, a French one, it's a hugely impressive effort that'll sell many 208s before potential buyers have even left the dealer forecourt on their test drive. Soft touch plastics, tactile switchgear, chrome high-

lights and almost faultless ergonomics show other supermini sellers how it should be done.

The two main talking points inside are the smallness of the steering wheel (over which you view the high-set instruments) and the colour touchscreen attached to the fascia that controls audio, trip computer and stereo functions and to which you can add a range of clever downloadable apps.

Despite the slightly more compact outward dimensions, there's a little more room on the back seat than the old 207 offered - and extra luggage space behind.

You'll pay somewhere in the £10,000 to £18,000 bracket for most 208 derivatives, pricing that's pretty much par for the course in the supermini segment. There's a £600 premium to go from the three-door car to the five-door body style. If you're shopping at the bottom of the range, think carefully about paying the £1,300 premium to go from the entry-level 1.0-litre

petrol model to the 1.2: that's quite a lot extra to pay for an extra 14bhp. Talking of premiums, the £2,000 extra necessary to go from the entry-level 68bhp 1.0-litre petrol variant to the comparably-performing 68bhp 1.4-litre HDi diesel is unlikely to pay for itself in terms of the running cost benefits.

A lot of weight-saving has gone on in creating this 208 and the result is that on average, this car weighs about 114kgs less, model-for-model, than its 207 predecessor. Greater efficiency is therefore almost guaranteed. On top of that, plenty of eco-minded high-technology has been thrown at this Peugeot to drive its running costs down, but as usual, you won't find all of it across the range. Most of the eco-features are reserved for 1.4 and 1.6-litre e-HDi diesel models, cars that feature what Peugeot likes to call a 'micro-hybrid' system.

Along with regenerative braking, that helps this car achieve substantial fuel savings and you'll get the best of these if you specify your 208 diesel with the EGC automatic gearbox, a transmission which takes a bit of getting used to. Still, the returns it

can generate are impressive, a 208 in 1.4-litre e-HDi guise capable of 83.1mpg on the combined cycle and an 87g/km CO2 return. In manual form without the e-HDi and EGC package, the figures are 74.3mpg and 98g/km. The 1.6-litre diesel models also achieve 74.3mpg on the combined cycle and dip just before the magic 100g/km of CO2 mark that's so important from a taxation point of view.

Trying to please too many people too much of the time is a sure-fire recipe for failure - or at the very least, a distinctly compromised and forgettable end-result. As Peugeot now knows, a bolder more innovative brand these days, the kind of maker you'd need to be to create a

supermini as good as this 208. "It's OK to have 20 per cent of people not liking this car", says the company's director General Vincent Rambaud, "as long as the other 80 per cent love it." I reckon he may not have too much to worry about.

There may be a few supermini buyers who don't like the cabin layout, want something better suited to cornering on its door handles or who might prefer the value proposition of a budget brand - but I'm guessing they'll be in the minority.

Most will recognise that in this 208, Peugeot has finally brought us the supermini it was always capable of. A smart small car choice - in more ways than one.



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Stars of the Seventies

By Andy Enright

A CAR doesn't have to be great to be memorable. Some of the worst ever produced are some of those that stick most keenly in the mind - and back in the Seventies, there were more than a few of these. Mind you, this decade also had more than its fair share of excitement and ground-breaking innovation. It was a heady mixture. But let's start with the unforgettably bad.

For the Reverend Colin Corke, chairman of Allegro Club International, the 1970s never ended. As we entered the vicarage, the full and worrying extent of the good vicar's obsession became vividly apparent.

Two crippled Austin Allegros sat on the drive, gently decomposing whilst Corke's plan to take the best bits of each and create one rare 1750 Sports Special took seed. Harris Mann's bold vision was ruined by the demands of engineering expediency and metamorphosed from futuristic wedge into automobilia's waddling oaf.

"The Allegro was never a good car, never really an adequate car and certainly not a classic," mused the Rev as he pondered a stray Quartic steering wheel. Allegro tales are legion and range from the assertion that they are more aerodynamic when travelling in reverse to the true reports of how they were banned from the Mersey tunnel due to their idiosyncratic towing characteristics. "Let me show you the 1300 De Luxe."

Emerging from the garage in a wreath of blue smoke, shunning road salt like a turnescent Harvest Gold slug, came the Reverend's immaculate conception. This car was forensically spotless, the engine bay and underside shinier than Willie Thorne's pate, the interior a devastatingly original dun. In regular demand for magazine articles and television work, this car, a 1973 four door in the archetypal Allegro colour, is probably the finest of its type. "When I had it to bits, I realised it was missing a bolt



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If the Allegro represented all that was inept about the car industry in the Seventies, the Ford Cortina hit paydirt with the UK population. It was so successful and so different from other cars in the industry that in Britain it inspired what became known as 'the Cortina class'.

Once established, at times one in every six cars being built in the UK was a Cortina. Along with the parallel success of the Escort from 1968, this helped Ford gain market leadership in Britain, which it has now maintained for more than 25 years.

The car that would come to be seen as the 'definitive' hot hatch was the Volkswagen Golf GTi. The early prototype models of this seminal car featured the 1588cc Audi 80GT engine with a Solex dual-choke carburettor. Even with 100bhp, this wasn't considered powerful enough, so the development team instead opted for the 110bhp fuel-injected motor from the Audi 80GTE.

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Brilliant Britt earns point for Blues

Southend United

A MOMENT of brilliance from Southend United striker Britt Assombalonga helped his side pick up a 1-1 draw at Plymouth Argyle in League Two on Saturday.

The on loan Watford striker scored his sixth goal of the campaign with a great individual effort after Alex MacDonald had fired Argyle ahead in the second half.

The Blues had to hold on for the last nine minutes with 10 men after Barry Corr was sent off.

Blues boss Paul Sturrock, who managed Plymouth to success earlier in his career, said: "I was very disappointed with our first half performance. We looked lacklustre and a bit sloppy even though we had a couple of decent chances that we could

have done better with.

"I thought Plymouth shaded the first half and we came out and were sloppy again in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

"But then we started to ground things down, made our substitutions, got our goal and I did believe that we were going on to win that game."

The home side had plenty of chances to take the lead in the first half, with Onismor Bhasera coming close with two headers and a low effort, while Blues keeper Daniel Bentley earlier saved Guy Madjo's effort.

Blues did have their chances with Pilgrims keeper Jake Cole saving from Elliot Benyon and later blocking Assombalonga's header.

Warren Feeney headed inches wide but Plymouth took the lead on 50

minutes when Madjo played in MacDonald who fired the ball past Bentley from 12 yards.

Southend were behind for just five minutes when Assombalonga produced great skill to turn Maxime Blanchard, and drove on to slot past Cole into the bottom left hand corner.

Last week's super subs, Freddy Eastwood and Corr were introduced, with the latter nearly converting Assombalonga's cross.

However, like last week, Corr made an impact, but this time for the wrong reasons as he was involved in an off-the-ball incident with Darren Purse.

He received his marching orders but despite increased pressure, the Blues held out for a point.

The Blues were due to host Burton Albion last night (Tuesday).



TOUCH OF CLASS:
Britt Assombalonga.
Picture by Dave Montier

Archers take a bow

Kyudo

A GROUP from Hadleigh took a bow after winning two of the three competition classes at last weekend's National Kyudo competition.

The Essex Kyudo group took part in the UKKA National competition, which takes place annually in the UK largest dojo in Ealing, and consists of each archer shooting eight arrows at a target 36cm in diameter at a distance of 28 meters.

About 42 archers participated in the event from across the country with the competition divided into three groups (0-1 dan, 2-3 dan, 4 dan and above).

Kyudo means 'the way of the bow', although it can be practiced as a sport, ultimately it offers the practitioner an insight into Japanese culture and a way to personal development.

The national success followed on from international success by Ray Dolphin, Kyoshi 6th dan from the group.

Ray was part of UK team which came in joint first place in the French Kyudo Federation competition, which was a pre-competition ahead of the World Championships in 2014.

Ray said: "Kyudo can be much more than a sport and is a truly



JAPANESE CULTURE: Kyudo is more than a sporting activity.

holistic activity. The archer strives for a balance of the physical, mental and spiritual self and waits in full draw until just the right moment to release the arrow. Kyudo combines elements of Shintoism, Confucianism and Buddhism and gives a fascinating insight into Japanese culture."

The Essex Kyudo dojo trains at the Deanes Sixth Form College, Thundersley, on Saturdays from 10am until 1pm and Thursday evenings at the Hadleigh Methodist Church from 8pm-10pm.

Visit the website at www.kyudo.org

Mitty is the master

Judo

TWO MEMBERS of Southend Judo Club won medals at the weekend in the highest ranked judo championships in the UK.

Shaun Mitty (above left) and Adrian Besly (below right) travelled to Belfast for The British Masters which attracts the best judo masters from the UK and around the world.

There was also the opportunity to gain selection into the British Masters Squad to fight in the European Masters and World Masters Championships, if they came away with medals.

Both fighters made the finals in their respective weight groups, with Mitty winning gold and Besly silver.

It means Mitty is the UK number one in the UK, and both can wear the masters Union Flag on their Gi and GB tracksuits and booked their entry to the Europeans and World Championships.

John Horrigan, Southend Judo Club chairman, said: "Words can't express how proud we are of them in the club."

Both fighters will be in action at Southend's own international judo championships on October 27 and 28 at Southend Tennis and Leisure Centre in Garon Park.



Clarets fightback to earn Truro win while Urchins draw

Non League Football

CHELMSFORD City moved up to third in Blue Square South after coming back from behind to win 3-2 against Truro City at Melbourne Stadium on Saturday.

Stewart Vetton and Les Alful scored two first half goals for Truro, who are bottom and in administration.

However, the Clarets fought back with goals from Jamie Slabber (46), Dave Rainford (pen 62) and Craig Calver (90) to complete the turnaround.

AFC Hornchurch shared the points with a 1-1 draw against Farnborough at Hornchurch Stadium.

Lewis Smith (pen 6) gave Urchins the lead but Dave Tarpey equalised before the tenth minute and that was how it stayed.

Billerica Town suffered disappointment as Tim Sills' first half hat-trick put Basingstoke in a

commanding position by half-time.

Rob Swaine (55) pulled a goal back for Blues but it was not enough.

In the FA Trophy, Grays Athletic were due to travel to Ashford (Middx) last night (Tuesday) for their replay after their 1-1 draw on Saturday.

Danny Bunce (21) put Grays ahead but the visitors equalised through Mark Bitmead (70).

Ryman Premier's Canvey Island were also set to go to Ryman North's Wroxham after a goalless draw.

Redbridge suffered a 5-0 home defeat to Met Police. Jonte Smith and Howard Newton each scored a double while Allan Tait wrapped the match up.

Concord Rangers were 3-0 winners at struggling Kettering Town of the Southern League thanks to goals from Harry Elmes, Steve King and Jason Hallett.

East Thurrock United progressed, beating fel-

low Ryman Premier side Hastings United 4-0. Kye Ruel, a double from Hakeem Araba and Sam Higgins put Rocks through.

Waltham Forest lost 4-0 at Ryman South's Ramsgate. Warren Schultz (pen 22), a double from Curtis Robinson and Tom Chapman dumped Forest out.

Ryman North's Ilford lost 4-1 at Bognor Regis. The Premier side scored three times in the last 15 minutes of the first half through Terry Dodd, Steve Harper and James Crane. Harper made to 4-0 on 73 minutes while Christian Mkwanzani scored Foxes' consolation.

Heybridge Swifts lost 3-0 at Carshalton Athletic as Danny Mills scored a double, either side of Harry Harding's 38th minute effort.

Brentwood Town won 2-1 at Walton & Hertham who went ahead through Graeme Purdy. However, Neil Cousins and Sherwin Stanley gave Town the win.

Romford were 'at home' to landlords Thurrock and it was Fleet who came out on top with a 3-1 victory.

Boro took the lead through Ryan Imbert, but Fleet fought back through Matt Turpin, and despite Mark Onyenma's red card, Charlie Stimson gave them the lead. Romford's Lewis Francis saw red and Leroy Griffiths completed the victory.

In Ryman North, Witham Town lost 3-2 at Cheshunt who moved up to second. Late goals in the first half from Leon Archer and Ryan Wade put Cheshunt ahead while each side was reduced to ten men.

Archer (53) made it 3-0 but Witham responded with goals from Jamie Godbold and Danny Lopes.

Tilbury were held to a 1-1 draw by Sudbury. Emiel Aiken (25) put the Dockers ahead but Tom Webb equalised on the hour.

Rugby Union

Defeat for Southend

SOUTHEND'S inconsistent start to the season continued with a 36-24 defeat at Clifton.

It looked good for Southend in the National Two South clash, who took a 12-14 lead into half-time with tries from Jack Jones and Danny Cleare, while Jones kicked the extras.

Clifton also scored two tries through William Pomphrey and Samuel Harrison, but Ben Roberts kicked one conversion.

However he scored two early penalties in the second half, and Clifton took the initiative with tries from Paul Finken and James Stephenson, with Roberts kicking a conversion and two penalties.

Southend produced a late rally with tries from Andrew McClintock and Cleare to earn their side a bonus point.

Thurrock suffered their second defeat in National League Three London and South East, losing 22-20 at Hertford. Markus Burcham and Stefan North went over the line for Thurrock but Hertford kept them at bay with scores from Robert MacPherson-Smith, Toran Macdougall and Ed Moss.

Westcliff's Ben McKeith scored a try and kicked three conversions and five penalties to help his side win 30-36 at Westcombe Park.

Robert Smith and Ian Dartnell also went over the line.

In London One North, second place Eton Manor's 100 per cent winning record continued, beating Beaconsfield 53-3.

Basildon are still looking for their first win, going down 24-37 to Chingford, while Brentwood drew 13-13 with Luton.

Romford & Gidea Park were beaten 52-19 at Colchester while Rochford Hundred went down 19-14 at Old Haberdashers.

Chelmsford were 6-24 winners at Woodford to notch up their second league win of the season in London Two North East.

In London Three North East, leaders Upminster suffered their first defeat, losing 20-15 at Wisbech.

South Woodham Ferrers also suffered the same fate, going down 20-17 at second place Norwich. Canvey Island picked up their first victory, beating East London 43-17, while Wanstead lost 31-27 at Sudbury.

Essex One: Billericay 20-25 Champion; Dagenham 72-3 Burnham-On-Crouch; Millwall 31-0 Bancroft; Old Cooperians 38-15 Clacton; Upper Clapton 29-25 Maldon.

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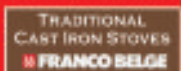
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